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1. CHINA

"ASAHI SHIMBUN" (PEKING) REPORTS "GANG OF 4" WILL BE PUT
ON TRIAL. SAYS INFO GIVEN JAPANESE TOURISTS BY HANGCHOW
AUTHORITIES WHO HINTED "GANG" WOULD NOT BE GIVEN DEATH
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SENTENCES IF FOUND GUILTY--BUT SOURCES DID NOT ELABORATE
(WP 8/19).

NCNA REPORTED 8/18 THAT COMMERCE MIN WANG LEI HAS BEEN
FIRED AFTER ONLY FEW MONTHS IN JOB/YAO YI-LIN APPOINTED
IN HIS PLACE/CHIEN MIN MADE MINISTER OF MACHINE BUILDING.
NO EXPLANATION WHY WANG LEI DISMISSED OR WHAT HAPPENED
TO WANG CHENG, WHO HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO MACHINE MINISTRY
AT SAME TIME AS WANG LEI TO COMMERCE (REUTER PEKING 8/18).

UNITED AIRLINES PLANS ROUTES TO LINK 8 US CITIES (NYC/CHICAGO/DENVER/SEATTLE/PORTLAND (ORE)/SFO/LA/HONOLULU) TO SHANGHAI/CANTON/PEKING. UA SAYS IT FILED FOR CHINA ROUTES ONCE BEFORE IN 1971, BUT CAB HAD NOT ACTED ON REQUEST; NO DECISION ON NEW REQUEST EXPECTED BEFORE 1980 (AP, SUN 8/19). ACCORDING WSJ, CAB SPOKESMAN SAID UA'S

1971 APPLICATION WAS DENIED IN 1975, AND PAN-AM BID "STILL ON THE BOOKS." SPOKESMAN SAID ABSENCE SINO-US AVIATION PACT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY PRECLUDE ITS AWARDED ROUTE AUTHORITY IF IT SAW FIT DO SO.

UA SPOKESMAN SAYS AIRLINE HASN'T HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH PRC ABOUT ITS INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING REGULAR PASSENGER SERVICE; SAID UA EXPECTS DOS TO HANDLE DISCUSSIONS WITH PEKING IF CAB APPROVES ROUTES. WSJ QUOTES DOS OFFICIAL THAT NO US-PRC TALKS CURRENTLY GOING ON ABOUT AIRLINE SERVICE, AND DEPT AWARE PAN-AM WANTS FLY ROUTE.

UPI (BUCHAREST) OBSERVES HUA KUO-FENG TOOK "RELATIVELY SUBDUED SWIPE" AT SOVIET 8/20 BEFORE LEAVING FOR YUGOSLAVIA (WP). NOTES HUA TOURED ROMANIA'S LARGEST SHIPYARD ON "STRATEGICALLY SENSITIVE" BLACK SEA 8/19--IN UNCLASSIFIED

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VISIT WESTERN DIPLOS SAID "WAS BOUND TO INFURIATE" SOVIET (WSTAR, WP 8/20). HUA COMPLETED FORMAL TALKS WITH CEAUSESCU FRI, COMMUNIQUE SAID LEADERS PLEDGED INCREASE "COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES AND BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL-SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION" (AP, SUN 8/19).

REUTER (GENEVA 8/18) NOTED CHINA AND SOVIET TRADED BITTER INSULTS OVER EACH OTHER'S AFRICAN POLICIES FRI AT UN-SPONSORED "WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM."

2. CHINA/VIETNAM

IN BROADCAST MARKING 33RD ANNIV OF VIET IND, SRV URGED NATION BE READY TO FIGHT LARGE-SCALE WAR AGAINST "INTERNATIONAL REACTIONARIES (CHINESE). MEANWHILE, PRC SAID IT PRESENTED 4-POINT PROPOSAL TO SRV SAT ON SOLVING PROBLEM OF ETHNIC CHINESE IN VN (WSTAR TOKYO 8/20). WSJ SAYS CHINESE PLAN CALLS ON VN TO STOP "PERSECUTION AND EXPULSION" OF CHINESE/GUARANTEES THEIR "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL RIGHTS." NCNA REPORTED SUN "FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF THE MASS PERSECUTION OF CHINESE RESIDENTS BY VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES." QUOTES CHINESE REFUGEE THAT HE SPENT 10 DAYS IN LANG SON PRISON WHERE HE WAS BEATEN/FORCED SIGN STATEMENT SAYING PRC USED CHINESE NTLs IN VN AS POL TOOLS (AP TOKYO, SUN).

3. VIETNAM

EIGHT US CONGRESSMEN SCHEDULED ARRIVE HANOI MON FOR TALKS ABOUT 340 MIAS/US BAN ON TRADE W/VN (WSJ).

VIET MAN WHO FILED 1600 FAKE TAX RETURNS TO CLAIM 300,000

IN REFUNDS SENTENCED TO 3 YRS PRISON/FINED 5,000 DOLS IN LA US DIST CT. JUDGE FOUND HONG DUONG GUILTY OF "BIGGEST SCHEME I HAVE EVER SEEN" CHIDED HIM FOR STEALING FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY THAT "WARMLY AND HOSPITABLY" TOOK HIM IN (WP 8/20).

4. THAILAND

JOC (BANGKOK) REPORTS CONCERN BY THAI TAPIOCA TRADE ASSOC THAT IMPRISONMENT OF TAPIOCA EXPORTER FOR ADULTERATING TAPIOCA EXPORTS WILL AFFECT FUTURE EXPORTS.

5. KOREA

FORMER REP HANNA (D-CALIF) WILL BE PAROLED 9/6 FROM PRISON WHERE HE IS SERVING 6-30 MONTH TERM AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO BRIBERY/CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH "KOREAGATE" SCANDAL (AP, SUN 8/19). REP MCFALL (D-CALIF) FORMALLY ASKS HOUSE ETHICS CMTE DISMISS CHARGES HE WAS GUILTY OF IMPROPER CONDUCT IN KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING (LAT 8/17).

"READER'S DIGEST ASSN INC" SAYS IT WILL BEGIN PUBLISHING KOREAN-LANGUAGE EDITION IN LATE OCT; ESTIMATED INITIAL 50,000 CIRCULATION, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED INITIALLY AT 85 CENTS-PER-COPY THROUGH RETAIL OUTLETS, WILL BE PUBLISHED/DISTRIBUTED BY "HAPDONG" (WSJ).

6. JAPAN

REUTER (SUN 8/20)SAYS JAPANESE RECENTLY HAVE SHED ANIMOSITY TOWARD MILITARY, AND AS RESULT, INTEREST IN MIL DISCUSSIONS IS GROWING IN JAPAN. CITES AS ONE BIT OF EVIDENCE FACT THAT DEFENSE AGENCY FOR FIRST TIME HAS BEEN ABLE ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY THAT ARMED FORCES WOULD CONDUCT 2-YR STUDY ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO DEFEND COUNTRY FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTERNAL ATTACK. SAYS, FOR POL REASONS, HOWEVER, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN PLAN WILL SEE NO GREAT LEAP FORWARD FOR JAPANESE NAVY.

TEAM OF US AUTO INDUSTRY OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT TRADE MISSION TO JAPAN THIS FALL DESIGNED PERSUADE JAPANESE AUTOMAKERS USE MORE US-MADE PARTS IN CARS SHIPPED TO US (UPI,JOC).

AMIN HAS SENT EMPEROR MESSAGE EXPRESSING "DEEPEST CONDOLENCES" TO JAPANESE WHOSE "DEAR ONES" DIED IN "SENSELESS NUCLEAR BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" (WSTAR 8/18).

7. KAMPUCHEA

KAMPUCHEA LAUNCHED BITTER ATTACK ON VIET CLAIM TO WEI ISL IN GULF OF SIAM THAT LIES IN AREA BELIEVED RICH IN OIL/NAT GAS. WP (BANGKOK) SAYS RADIO PP CHALLENGED RECENT VIET NEWS ARTICLE CLAIMING ISL FOR ITSELF.

8. BURMA

IN PG 1 STORY, SUN (COX'S BAZAAR 8/20) SAYS MUSLIM REFUGEES FROM BURMA POSE EMBARRASSING POL PROBLEM FOR BANGLADESH--SINCE MOST SAY THEY DON'T WANT TO RETURN, THO BURMESE HAVE PROMISED ACCEPT THEM. QUOTES BURMESE REFUGEE LEADER, AHMED ABU TAHER, THAT BURMESE PROMISES ARE "TRAP." HE SAID, "THEY HAVE ALREADY DESTROYED OUR HOMES, SEIZED OUR PROPERTY AND KILLED MANY OF OUR PEOPLE. THEY WILL KILL US TOO, IF WE RETURN."

SUN REPORTS EVERY NIGHT, SEVERAL HUNDRED REFUGEES -- DETERMINED AVOID REPATRIATION -- SLIP OUT OF CAMPS INTO BANGLADESH COUNTRYSIDE. QUOTES OFFICIALS THAT BUDDHIST-MUSLIM RELS IN REGION ARE TENSE ENOUGH W/O FURTHER STRAINS; THAT PROSPECT OF ANOTHER TRIBAL INSURGENCY -- THIS TIME UNCLASSIFIED

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FINANCED BY ARAB RADICALS -- WOULD BE SERIOUS THREAT TO REGIONAL STABILITY.

9. INDONESIA

MORE THAN 3,000 PRISONERS FREED/NEARLY 12,000 REC'D REDUCTION OF SENTENCES, TO MARK 33RD ANNIV INDO IND FRI (AFP JAKARTA, WP 8/19).

PERTAMINA PRES REPORTED FRI FAILURE OF LONG DISCUSSIONS W/US ON INDO'S LNG EXPORT PRICES. RETURNING FROM TRIP TO US, HE SAID INDO NOT GOING BACK DOWN ON ITS PROPOSALS ABOUT PRICE ESCALATION/ WOULD LOOK FOR OTHER BUYERS IF AGREEMENT COULDN'T BE REACHED (UPI JAKARTA, JOC).

10. PHILIPPINES

DESPONDENT AIRPORT ELECTRICIAN WHO HAD TAKEN OUT 5,700 DOLS

FLIGHT INSURANCE ON OWN LIFE IDENTIFIED BY PHIL OFFICIALS
AS PERSON WHO SET OFF BOMB IN PHIL AIRLINES FRI WHICH
BLEW BOMBER OUT THRU HOLE IN FUSELAGE/WOUNDED 3 OTHER
PASSENGERS(WP MANILA 8/19-20).

11. PACIFIC ISLANDS

IN 1ST OF SERIES, SUN'S MARTIN NOTES USG, FACED W/LATEST
FINDINGS OF RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT ON BIKINI/DISTURBING
QUESTIONS ABOUT INCIDENCES OF CANCER AMONG US NUKE WORKERS
EXPOSED TO WHAT WERE PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED LOW LEVELS OF
RADIATION, WILL FINALLY TEST THOSE CLAIMS. BEGINNING
NEXT MONTH, DOD/DOE/NAVY WILL SURVEY 11 ATOLLS/2 SINGLE
ISLS USING HELICOPTERS/MOST UP-TO-DATE RADIATION TESTING
DEVICES. NOTES MARSHALL ISLANDERS MOVING TOWARD IND, NOT
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WANTING SHARE THEIR REVENUES FROM US WEAPONS TESTING
W/POORER DISTRICTS OF CENTRAL MICRONESIA. LONG PG-1
ARTICLE DESCRIBES ECON FUTURE OF MARSHALLS, CONCLUDES
TASTE OF IND ISLANDERS RECEIVED FROM DEALING W/NAURU NOT
ENOUGH TO GIVE THEM CONFIDENCE THEY CAN SURVIVE W/O CLOSE
TIES TO US.

12. GENERAL

NIXON SAID TO PLAN TRAVEL EUROPE/CHINA/ELSEWHERE IN FAR
EAST, INFORMED SOURCES REVEALED 8/19. EX-PRES' AIDES
REPORTEDLY HAVE ALERTED DOS/WH, ON COURTESY BASIS, OF PLANS
THAT ARE DEVELOPING.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. CHINA

KRAFT (WP, GLOBE 8/20) SEES "CHINESE CARD" NOW BEING PLAYED
BY "ONLY PLAYER" IN WORLD GAME THAT CAN PLAY IT--PEKING.
FEELS TREATY SIGNED WITH JAPAN LAST WEEKEND AND HUA'S
CURRENT FON VISITS ARE PART OF LARGE MOVE TO BREAK/MAYBE
EVEN REVERSE, ENCIRCLEMENT BY SOVIET. THINKS SOVIET "WILL
ALMOST SURELY LEAN HARDER ON TOKYO" NOW OR MIGHT APPLY
COUNTER-PRESSURES AROUND CHINESE BORDERS--NOTABLY IN VN.
SAYS THIS IS WHERE TRULY SHARP PINCH COULD COME FOR US,
SINCE PEKING APT ASK US FOR COUNTERMOVES--BUT IN VIEW OF
PAST EXPERIENCE IN VN, US WOULD SURELY NOT INTERVENE ON
PRC'S BEHALF. SUGGESTS, AS RESULT, PEKING WOULD BEGIN
HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT US--STRESSES DANGER OF
"ANOTHER CHINESE FLIP-FLOP" REMAINS SERIOUS.

CONCLUDES, CHINESE SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN FALSE HOPES OF US
WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANTI-SOVIET STRATEGY--WHICH
MEANS WITHHOLDING ANY WEAPONS DELIVERIES, EVEN GOING SLOW

ON NORMALIZATION DIPLO RELS. SAY SOVIET CAN BE TOLD THAT
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NATURE OF US-PRC CONNECTION IS UP TO THEM. IF THEY
CONTINUE BULLY REST OF WORLD, US WILL BE MORE FORCED HELP

CHINESE MOUNT COUNTERPRESSURES AGAINST SOVIET; IF SOVIET
ACTS IN LESS AGGRESSIVE WAY, THEN WE WILL DO OUR NOT
INCONSIDERABLE BIT TO KEEP CHINESE CARD BENIGN.

MAJ GEN SINGLAUB, SACKED FROM SK COMMAND FOR CRITICIZING
US DEFENSE POLICY, TELLS FLA GROUP SOVIET HAS MIL
SUPERIORITY OVER US, THANKS TO "GRADUAL, UNILATERAL
DISARMAMENT" OVER PAST 15 YRS. WARNS: "WE SHOULD OPERATE
ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT BOTH CHINESE AND SOVIET WEAPONS
MAY SOMEDAY BE USED AGAINST US" (WSTAR'S SPENCER 8/20).

CSM'S KULKARNI (HK 8/18) SAYS DREAMS OF WESTERN TRADERS
ARE BEGINNING COME TRUE, AND 1978 MAY WELL BE CALLED BY
CHINA-TRADERS "YEAR OF THE SHOPPING SPREE," WITH MORE
TO COME IN '80S--FOR PEKING GOVT IS WILLING SPEND BILLIONS
ON TECHNOLOGY/CAPITAL EQUIPMENT. SAYS, IN FACT, PACE
OF CHINA'S BUYING THIS YR SO FAST THAT IT HAS BECOME
DIFFICULT KEEP TRACK OF IT; HARDLY WK GOES BY WHEN MULTI-
MILLION-DOL DEAL IS NOT NEGOTIATED OR DISCUSSED BY PRC FON
TRADING CORPS WITH WESTERN OR JAPANESE TRADERS.

CSM EDIT (8/16) OBSERVES THAT "IF CHINA IS TO CONTINUE
ITS ENCOURAGING PROCESS OF OPENING ITSELF TO THE WORLD,
IT HAS TO OPEN ITSELF TO SHAKESPEARE--WHO IS HIMSELF A
WORLD."

14. CHINA/JAPAN

LAT'S JAMESON (TOKYO 8/13) VIEWS SIGNING OF SINO-JAPAN
TREATY OF PEACE/FRIENDSHIP AS "SIMPLE BUT PSYCHOLOGICALLY
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SIGNIFICANT PACT THAT CLEARED DIPLOMATIC CLOUDS LEFT BY
THE HOSTILITIES OF WWII AND WARMED THE ATMOSPHERE OF
IMPROVING SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS." SAYS REGARDLESS OF
WHETHER IT WAS AIMED AT SOVIET, TREATY LAID FOUNDATION
FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JAPAN-CHINA RELS--DEVELOPMENT WHICH
SOVIET OPPOSES, AND FUKUDA'S DECISION TO IGNORE SOVIET
THREATS AND SIGN IT WAS IN ITSELF SLAP IN MOSCOW'S FACE.

JOC'S CULLISON (TOKYO 8/18) FEELS SIGNING OF SINO-JAPAN
PACT "DOUBTLESS WILL PROVE OF ENORMOUS SIGNIFICANCE" FOR
BOTH COUNTRIES, NOT ONLY IN THEIR RELS WITH EACH OTHER
BUT ALSO IN THEIR FUTURE DEALINGS WITH US/SOVIET. THINKS

"INTRIGUING" PACT ALSO COULD EASILY HAVE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO SEA COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ANXIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT WAYS IN WHICH LIVES OF THEIR PEOPLES WILL BE AFFECTED. SAYS PACT SHOULD ALLOW JAPAN ENJOY MUCH LARGER SHARE OF PRC MODERNIZATION BUSINESS, BUT SHOULD

ALSO RESULT IN MORE POSITIVE/BOLDER JAPANESE DIPLO INITIATIVES, ESPECIALLY IN ASIA.

IN SECOND COLUMN, CULLISON SAYS WAS LEARNED 8/17 THAT GOP IS EXPECTED MAKE OFFICIAL PROPOSAL TO PEKING EARLY THIS WK CALLING FOR ACCEPTANCE BY CHINESE OF EX-IM BANK OF JAPAN LOANS AT RATES OF AROUND 6.5 PCT IN SUPPORT OF PRC INDUSTRIAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS. SAYS IF ALL GOES WELL, IS LIKELY THAT RESULTING LOANS WOULD GREATLY ASSIST EFFORTS OF MAJOR JAPANESE STEEL CORPS TO HELP CHINESE IN PLANS TO MORE THAN DOUBLE PEKING'S STEEL OUTPUT CAPACITY BY 1985.

15. JAPAN

WP'S CHAPMAN (TOKYO 8/16) OBSERVED JAPAN COMMEMORATED END OF WWII 8/15 IN VARIETY OF WAYS: EMPEROR OFFERED TRIBUTE TO JAPANESE WHO DIED IN WAR; PM FUKUDA BOWED AT YASUKUNI UNCLASSIFIED

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SHRINE; AND OLD, RECONDITIONED "ZERO" FIGHTER PLANE WAS FLOWN FROM DEFENSE BASE. BUT "MOST POIGNANT SCENE FOR AN AMERICAN" WAS RE-EMERGENCE OF DISPLAY OF 31 "BLUE-EYED DOLLS" FROM JAPANESE CLOSETS. THESE ARE REMNANTS OF MORE THAN 12,000 DOLLS SENT BY AMERICANS TO JAPAN IN 1927 AS GESTURE OF INTL FRIENDSHIP/GOOD WILL. ANTI-US SPIRIT DURING WAR YRS HAD COMPELLED JAPANESE OWNERS HIDE THEM AWAY; MANY DESTROYED DURING US AIR RAIDS OVER JAPANESE CITIES.

CITING THIS YR'S DEFENSE WHITE PAPER ISSUED BY GOJ, FRANK IWAMA (TIME-LIFE NEWS SERVICE) SAYS WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY PINPOINTING SOVIET AS HYPOTHETICAL ENEMY OF JAPANESE DEFENSE FORCES, THERE IS NO MISTAKING STRESS GOJ LEADERS PLACE ON GROWING SOVIET THREAT FROM NORTH AND, BY INFERENCE, NEED TO EXPAND JAPAN'S DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. BUT IWAMA OBSERVES THAT GOVT'S WARNING SOUNDS APPEAR FALLING ON DEAF EARS (WSTAR 8/16).

NEWSDAY'S SEXTON (TOKYO 8/9), CITING SUCCESS IN JAPAN OF COCA-COLA/MCDONALD'S/IBM/FORD/MERCEDES-BENZ, ASKS WHY SO MANY FOM BUSINESSMEN COMPLAIN THAT IT'S PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO SELL IN JAPAN? SAYS DEEP TRUTH IS THAT FOR ALL ITS AFFLUENCE/FEVERISH CONSUMER ATTITUDES, JAPAN REMAINS ONE OF WORLD'S TOUGHEST MARKETS TO CRACK. BUT SAYS BARRIERS BEING WHITTLED AWAY, AMB MANSFIELD'S DOOR WIDE OPEN TO AMCITS WHO WANT HELP IN GETTING INTO RICH/GROWING JAPANESE

MARKET. NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT MANSFIELD AND REPENTENT JAPANESE HAVE PROBLEM: NEITHER US INDUSTRY NOR USG SEEMS EITHER KNOW OR CARE ABOUT EXPORT BUSINESS.

SEXTON COMPLAINS THAT US POLICIES ON TAXATION/CREDIT SERVE TO DISCOURAGE EXPORTS; LTRS TO US COMPANIES FROM IMPORTERS WANTING HANDLE US PRODUCTS IN JAPAN OFTEN GO UNCLASSIFIED

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UNANSWERED; US COMMERCE DEPT EVEN HAD DIFFICULTY PERSUADING TOP INDUSTRIAL LEADERS JOIN FORTHCOMING SALES MISSION TO JAPAN. SAYS VERY STRUCTURE OF US INDUSTRY, WHICH DEPENDS ON CONSTANT PROFITS/GROWTH TO SUSTAIN VALUE OF ITS EQUITY CAPITAL, DISCOURAGES MANAGEMENT FROM PURSUING NEW MARKETS ALL OVER HARD/LONG HAUL; BY CONTRAST, JAPANESE COMPANIES SUBSIST PRIMARILY ON BORROWED CAPITAL, THUS IMMUNE TO FICKLE DEMANDS OF STOCK MARKET. SAYS SEXTON, WORSENING US TRADE DEFICIT IS ONE RESULT THIS SHORTSIGHTEDNESS; DOLLAR'S FRIGHTENING DEPRECIATION IS ANOTHER (SFO CHRON).

16. KOREA

IN PHONE INTERVIEW TAPED FRI WITH LA TV TALK SHOW HOST YORTY, NIXON DISCUSSED FON POL, CRITICIZED CARTER'S HANDLING OF SALT. ALSO RAPPED PRES' DECISION TO WITHDRAW US GROUND FORCES FROM SK, SAYING SUCH STEP WILL "INVITE NORTH KOREA TO ATTACK." IN PLAINS, CARTER SAID, "I DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT" WHEN REPORTERS ASKED HIM FOR COMMENT ON NIXON'S ATTACK (UPI WSTAR, WP 8/20).

17. KAMPUCHEA

MICHAEL PARKS DOING VARIETY OF ARTICLES FOR SUN FROM SEASIA.ON CAMBODIA, SAYS (BANGKOK 8/20) RECENT REFUGEES REPORT ON NEW PURGE W/WHOLE FAMILIES BEING PUT ON EXECUTION LISTS IF THEY HAD ANY CONNECTION W/LON NOL GOVT. SAYS KILLING OF WHOLE FAMILIES MAKE PURGE MOST THOROUGH OF 3 MAJOR PURGES SINCE '75.

REFUGEES SAID NEW LISTS INCL FORMER SOLDIERS/TEACHERS/ MINOR OFFICIALS/ANYONE W/FORMAL EDUC AND COMPRISED 1/3 OF FAMILIES FROM ONE VILLAGE/MORE THAN 1/2 FROM ANOTHER. REPORTED NEW EXECUTION GROUNDS PREPARED IN JUNGLE CLEARINGS IN NUMBER OF DISTRICTS. PARKS SAYS RADIO UNCLASSIFIED

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HANOI ALLEGED LAST WK THAT MORE ARMY UNITS NOW TURNING ON GOVT -- CHARGE, PARKS SAYS RADIO PP PARTIALLY ADMITTED, SAYING REGIME CRUSHED NEW PLOTS IN JUNE.

18. POLITICAL REFUGEES

ACCORDING CHRISTOPHER HANSON, AUTHOR OF STUDY ON POL ASYLUM,
USG DISCRIMINATES AGAINST ALIENS SEEKING POL ASYLUM FROM
RIGHT-WING COUNTRIES, E.G. PHILS/SK/FORMER RVN. NOTES 95

PCT APPLICATIONS FROM RIGHT-WING DICTATORSHIPS DENIED,
WHILE 98 PCT FLEEING COMMUNIST COUNTRIES GRANTED. CONTENDS,
IN MOVING TOWARD MORE BALANCED POLICY, HUMAN RTS PROPONENTS
MUST OVERCOME 3 OBSTACLES: POWER OF IMMIGRATION
RESTRICTIONISTS; IMMIGRATION LAW WHICH BARS MARXISTS;
DOS OFFICIALS ANXIOUS MAINTAIN STRONG TIES TO ANTI-COMMUNIST
REGIMES. CONCLUDES CURRENT POLICY IS INCONSISTENT W/PRES
CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS POSITION (BGLOBE 8/17). CHRISTOPHER

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